

# East County Intercom



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER -

### Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center to Offer Spanish Class

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will offer **Spanish classes on eight Monday evenings, from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning September 10.** Entitled "Intermediate Communication in Spanish," the classes will meet at the Center located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. The classes will feature conjugating verbs, composing sentences and communicating with the Spanish speaker. Participants should have a basic knowledge of Spanish verbs and their conjugation. The fee for the class is \$50 and includes all necessary learning materials. For more information, or to register, call 240-777-8400.

### Free ESOL (morning) Classes Offered in Eastern County -

The Center, in partnership with the African Immigrant & Refugee Foundation, is offering a daytime ESOL class. This is an Intermediate class and it will meet on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning September 11th.** All classes are open to anyone wishing to learn English and are free, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$18 book fee are required. The Center is located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.

### Free ESOL (evening) Classes Offered in Eastern County-

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is also partnering with the Chinese Culture and Community Center to host evening ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes **for adults on Friday evenings beginning September 14th and running for 16 consecutive weeks.** Two classes will be offered – a "Beginner" class and an "Intermediate" class, both meeting from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.



### Free Citizenship Preparation Classes to be Offered in Eastern County

The Montgomery County Refugee Training Program of Montgomery College, in partnership with the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and the East County Community Recreation Center, will host citizenship preparation **classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, beginning September 18.** The *three-month course* will be held at the East County Community Recreation Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring. The classes will

help prepare students to become U.S. citizens by studying for the three required tests – *English, History/Government and a one-on-one interview with an immigration officer.* Individualized tutoring outside the class will also be available for students. Although the class is free, pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call Tiffany Shao at 240-567-1404 or 1405, or email [tiffany.shao@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:tiffany.shao@montgomerycollege.edu)

**Experiencing the Unique Challenges of Raising Teens?** - Plan to join us on **October 11th at 7:00 pm** to learn how to "*End Power Struggles Without Casualties.*" Held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. A partnership with the YMCA Youth & Family Services. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.



***Wishing all a very  
Happy Labor Day***

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- Spanish Classes, Free ESOL-classes at EMRSC.
- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
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- The Peoples Community Wellness Clinic

#### ***Quote of the Month!***

It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.

*Robert G. Ingersoll*

## CURRENT ON-GOING EVENTS AT THE CENTER

**Employment Services Offered in East County** - On **September 20th**, and each month on the **third Thursday** from **8:30 am to 5:00 pm**, a career counselor from the Montgomery Works Career Development Center is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center to assist area residents with their job-related needs. Individuals can get help with skill assessments, resume writing, interviewing, career planning, networking and using computers to find job opportunities. The Center is located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400.



### Community Yard Sale at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center - *"Diamonds in the Rough"*



The **third** community yard sale, held on Saturday, August 18th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center Park and Ride lot, was a **success!** Lots of vendors arrived at 7:00 am to register and set up their tables. The parking lot was fully booked and the crowd again had much fun buying and selling *"treasures."* The sale consisted of items such as antiques, toys, books, clothes, shoes, jewelry, household goods – furniture, kitchenware, car-pet/rugs, health products, etc. The EMRSC will **continue** this great community-wide event on Saturday, September 22nd (weather permitting).

**Don't miss the next Community Yard Sale on 09/22/2007 at EMRSC**

Please note the spaces for selling your goods and treasures are rented as follows :

*\$10.00 for one space /\$15.00 for two spaces /\$25.00 for three spaces /\$30.00 for four spaces. (Chairs & tables are not provided.)*

Proceeds from the parking spaces for August and September are donated to **The People's Community and Wellness Center (TPCWC)**. Please contact the Center at 240-777-8411 to reserve your space for the upcoming and exciting community yard sale scheduled on **September 22nd** where **FREE Blood Pressure check will be offered by TPCWC.**

## EVENTS HELD AT THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER



**ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO.....** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Solar Car Derby at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center was a very exciting event - even with the basking sun and heat. Kids spent about one hour constructing their mini solar cars before heading outside for the race. Once all cars were tested and running smoothly – fully solar powered, of course, the race began. This was the culmination of a morning of learning as well as fun for the 20 children and 17 parents who attended the event on August 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the derby, kids learned about the various types of natural energy sources including solar, wind, hydroelectric, biomass, and geothermal.



### **The Peoples' Community and Wellness Center (TPCWC) at EMRSC**

A COOPERATIVE Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and Mobile Med.

Hours : Mon-Tues 8:30am—4:30 pm /Wed.-Thurs 2:00pm—10:00 pm / Fri : 8:30 am—4:30 pm

All patients are seen by appointment only. No Walk-Ins will be taken

Women's Clinic (Appointment Required) : 1st Thursday Night of Every Month / Men's Clinic (No Appointment Required) : 2nd Thursday Night of Every Month

**TPCWC and Mobile Medical cannot provide Emergency Care.**

Patients requiring Emergency Care should dial 911 or report to the nearest hospital emergency room.

If you have additional questions, you can contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172 or [www.pcw.onehealthylife.org](http://www.pcw.onehealthylife.org)



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"Know Your County" - A Guide to Government in Montgomery County is now available online in English, Spanish & Chinese



Check it out at :

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/kyc/kyc.asp>



**FREE Compost Bins available at EMRSC**

**Call 240-777-8400**

**8:30 am -5:00 pm**



## NEWS AND TIPS FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Congratulations" to Captain Donald M. Johnson who was promoted in June, 2007 and is currently assigned as the Commander of the 3rd District. He is a life-long Montgomery County resident, and attended University of Maryland in College Park. Lieutenant Stephen R. Auger, Lieutenant Eric M. Burnett, Lieutenant Robert Carter, Lieutenant Robert F. McCullagh continue to proudly provide their support and services to the 3rd District. For news update go to

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA\\_list.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_list.asp)

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## COMMUNITY CRISIS FUND THANKS YOU

In the aftermath of the tragic apartment fire at Windsor Court in late June, which took the lives of three young children and their mother, the Center is pleased to report that its fundraising effort through the Community Crisis Fund was able to pay for all funeral related costs for this family. On behalf of the County Executive and the Nuka and Foncham families, we would like to thank all who contributed so generously to this community wide effort.

A very special thank you goes out to several major contributors: Zuckerman Gravely Management Inc., Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the agents at Long and Foster (Burtonsville Branch), Safeway employees (Outlet Drive store), OMF Contractors Inc., Faith Community Baptist Church, Commerce Bank, Sandy Spring Bank, Citizen's National Bank, Sharp Street United Methodist Church, U.S. Bank and the American Red Cross. Our gratitude is also extended to Eileena York (Citizens Involved) for coordinating donation boxes at the Dutch Market, Pepinos, Jerry's and the Burtonsville 7-11, to the Reverend Baron Young (Allan Chapel AME Church) for his words of comfort at the Vigil and to the anonymous donor of the cemetery plots at Washington National Cemetery.

As the donations started flowing to the Crisis Fund, we saw contributions coming from as far away as California, Potomac, Baltimore, and Fairfax as well as many of our surrounding communities in Laurel, Bowie, Wheaton and Downtown Silver Spring. **To all who contributed to this humanitarian cause, please know that you made a significant difference in this family's world by your act of kindness!**



## MEET YOUR COUNTY



*This is a series of articles describing services for Eastern Montgomery residents*

Who	<b>Department of Housing and Community Affairs—Housing Programs</b>
Mission	To plan and implement activities which prevent and correct problems that contribute to the physical decline of residential and commercial areas; maintain a marketplace which is fair to both landlords and tenants; increase the supply of new affordable housing; maintain existing housing in a safe condition; and support community programs that support our residents
Services Provided	<p><b>Moderately Priced Housing Units (MPDU)</b> To help make affordable housing available to people of all incomes, the County regulates the sales price and rental limit on an identified number of residences. DHCA does not provide financing to purchase an MPDU, or rental assistance to help you pay the rent in an MPDU.</p> <p><b>Weatherization Program</b> helps you weatherize your home to save money on fuel bills.</p> <p><b>Single Family Home Improvement Loan Program</b> This program provides both financial and technical assistance to homeowners to make vital repairs to their homes</p> <p><b>American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)</b> This program was created to assist low-income first-time homebuyers in purchasing single-family homes by providing funds for down payment, closing costs, and rehabilitation carried out in conjunction with the assisted home purchase.</p> <p><b>Landlord-Tenant Resources</b> Complaint resolution; On-line Apartment Rental Guide; Landlord-Tenant Handbook; Tips for Tenants; Legal Rights &amp; Responsibilities; and much more</p>
Other Important Facts	<b>The County will host its annual Housing Fair with over 70 exhibits on Saturday, Sept. 15th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Boher Park—506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, MD</b>
Location	100 Maryland Ave., 4th floor, Rockville, MD 20850
Contact	240-777-3600

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN EAST COUNTY !!!



**Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department's—16th Annual Summer Carnival (Sep. 6th -9th and Sept. 12th –15th )** - The 16th Annual Summer Carnival will again cover a two week-end period from 9/6-9 (Thu-Sun) and 9/12-15 (Wed-Sat) in 2007. The carnival will open at 6:30pm nightly and remain open until 10pm on weeknights and until 11pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours will be 12pm-5pm. The location will remain the same at the intersections of [Route 29, Fairland Rd., and Old Columbia Pike](#). Family nights will be Thu 9/6, Sun 9/9, Wed 9/12 and Thu 9/13. On those nights, each person who buys the bracelet will be able to ride all of the rides as many times as they want until 10pm. Otherwise you can buy individual tickets or save money and buy books of 20 and 40 tickets. We believe that the number of tickets needed ranges from 2 tickets for the kiddie rides up to 5 tickets. On site parking is available, and we are asking for a \$2 donation for that. For more details, go to [www.Bvfd.com](http://www.Bvfd.com)

**17th Annual Burtonsville Day—September 28th and September 29th-** Festivities begin on Friday evening at the Cedar Ridge Community Church with Hayrides at 5:00 p.m. and the family-friendly movie "Charlotte's Web" shown outdoors at 7:00 p.m. Then Saturday morning at 8:00, a charity walk at Greencastle Lakes, benefiting the Center for Infant and Child Loss (SIDS). At 10:00 am the parade commences, with 50+ units expected to participate, followed by a day of **Festivities at the Fairland Community Center**. Included are activities for children, live musical entertainment, demonstrations, food, classic auto show, crafters, pet show, library book sale, and more. For more information, see [www.burtonsvilleday.org](http://www.burtonsvilleday.org)



## LIBRARY NEWS! CALENDAR OF EVENTS !

**Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866 Tel 240-773-9460**

**check it out at** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=7>

**White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904 Tel 240-773-9555 check it out at**

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=22>

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

*Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.*

**Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at  
the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on  
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007 at 7:15pm**

For questions please contact :  
Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.

To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at 240 777-2706

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